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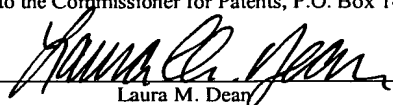
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**AMENDMENT A**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2004, please consider the Applicants remarks as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and includes attached replacement sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.